

**MINUTES OF THE  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, April 21, 2004 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 414/416 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack, Senate Chair  
Rep. Mike Thompson, House Chair  
Sen. James M. Evans  
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
Sen. Paula F. Julander  
Sen. David L. Thomas  
Rep. Calvin G. Bird  
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire  
Rep. Marda Dillree  
Rep. Craig Frank  
Rep. Patricia W. Jones  
Rep. Brad Last  
Rep. David Litvack  
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart

Rep. Steven R. Mascaro  
Rep. Darin G. Peterson  
Rep. Jack A. Seitz

**Members Absent:**

Rep. J. Morgan Philpot

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Catherine J. Dupont, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Joy L. Miller, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov) or by contacting the committee secretary, Joy Miller, at 538-1032.

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Killpack called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bird moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2003 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Evans, Sen. Jenkins, and Rep. Thompson were absent for the vote.

**2. Health Insurance – Coverage of Mental Health**

Dr. Jeff Hawley, Utah Department of Insurance, presented the department's report on the effects of 2000 H.B. 35, "Catastrophic Mental Health Insurance Coverage."

**3. Impacts Related to the Senior Population**

Rep. Jones briefly introduced the issue to the Committee.

Mr. Ron Stromberg, Assistant Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services, gave a slide presentation on the aging of Utah's population.

Ms. Helen Goddard, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services, discussed a survey of Utah seniors and Utah's Aging Initiative - 2004, a project to understand the impact of the aging population on public services.

Committee members suggested that other committees would benefit from viewing this presentation. The chairs will speak with the chairs of the Government Operations Interim Committee about the presentation. Rep. Jones will speak with the Legislative Management Committee about the presentation.

#### **4. Interim Study Agenda**

The Committee discussed items for consideration during the interim.

Sen. Tom Hatch asked that the Committee review state licensing standards for group homes. Rep. Thompson agreed to head up this issue and work with Sen. Hatch.

Dick Melton, Deputy Director, Department of Health, requested the Committee to update the statute requiring mandatory testing of emergency medical services personnel potentially exposed to infectious diseases.

#### **5. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Frank moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Killpack adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.